

# Main Street Reisterstown Program

## Minutes

**Location/Date:** Reter's Crabhouse, Reisterstown - March 4, 2013

**Attendees:** Amy Mantay, Glenn Barnes, Mary Molinaro, Calvin Reter, Kevin Kowitz, Tony Baysmore, Jimmy Roberts, Pat Brooks, Kathy Gambrell, Kinsey Gill, Rachel Clift, John Bem, Dave Powers, Brad Reter, Captain McAlwee, Shirley Smith, Karen Smith

After everyone introduced themselves, Amy asked for an overview of the activity since last week if any of the committees held a meeting.

Kinsey said the **Clean, Safe and Green** committee met this morning. They discussed starting a Main Street Merchants COP program. While the county only holds those programs for grant purposes for homeowner associations, members of the committee who are managing it for Chartley will assist as a model and they discussed contacting local business owners to get started. A policeman has started walking Main Street stopping in to speak with local merchants and let them know he will be walking the street. Captain McAlwee said that he will also be starting a bicycle patrol later in the month. He said that once Officer Kauffman finishes his work with the school system, he will be available to conduct a survey of businesses for safety reasons.

Mary said that the **Organization** committee did not meet this past week. However, she did register for the state training classes downtown at the end of March.

Calvin said that he would like to ask for more volunteers for the **Promotion** committee. Mary gave him a list of members of his committee and suggested that he may be able to consider finding help from those currently working on the Bloomin' ArtFest and Music on Main Street as they are activities which promote Main Street. Mary shared a list with the other committees in attendance to verify those who have been participating.

Organization : **Mary Molinaro**, Lorena DeLeon, Alice Reid, Kathy Gambrell, and Ernie Schmidhauser  
Economic Restructuring: **Paul Davolos**, Glenn Barnes, Calvin Reter, and Shirley Smith

Promotion: **Calvin Reter**, Glenn Barnes, and Christy Tasker

Design: **Irwin Kramer**, Glenn Barnes, Calvin Reter, Alexis Kosmos, and Lisa Doyle

Clean, Safe & Green: **Dan Carey**, Kevin Kowitz, Brad Reter, Tony Baysmore, Dave Powers, Jimmy Roberts, Ernie Schimidhauser, Officer Willis, Pat Brooks, and Kinsey Gill

Amy discussed a recap of the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and distributed a list of items suggested by the business owners as "issues and concerns"

- Need better handicap accessibility

- Making connections/networking/getting people together

  - Regular meetings

  - Volunteer for events

- Reisterstown website (Amy) -- ([www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/reisterstown](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/reisterstown))
  - Business directory
  - Committee meeting minutes
  - Parking locations
- What is the market? (Amy)
  - Toolkit
- Business mentoring
- Contracts with State agencies – how do you find out?
  - Ex. Martha & Mary's contract with SHA to provide meals for workers during storms
  - FEMA?
- Improved property maintenance
- Improve store hours – more predictable
- Security – improve
- Many businesses only have one employee
  - Limited hours
    - Use high school students to fill in (Councilwoman Vicki Almond) for part time work/internships
- Improve streetlights to make them brighter (Glenn) – RIA doing this
- Increase evening hours, at least some nights
- Market historical aspect of area
  - To schools, fieldtrips (exposure for parents)
- Build partnerships (Amy)
- Improve walkability – slow traffic
- Business inventory, street directory (Amy & Glenn)
- Untapped market at business park on Main Street
- Area sports complex – advertising fee? Revenue authority? (Amy has been emailing them for info)
- Blighted properties – need code enforcement in future?
  - Area clean-ups
  - Volunteer days to target specific properties, or blocks

Review list of projects for each committee – Amy said that we want to have specific projects to encourage people to want to participate so wants each committee to identify their projects.

Facebook page – status update – Kinsey said she did start the page and sent friend invites to everyone. Mary said she didn't get the invite and asked for directions about how to access the page. Kinsey said she'd show her at the end of the meeting.

Calendar of Events – Patch, County Tourism site, Reisterstown Life magazine

Amy said she is meeting with the editors of the new Reisterstown Magazine which is ready to start publishing this spring. Amy also said that we should sign up for the Baltimore Tourism site. Kinsey said she will do so and look to add calendar events each month there as she adds them to Facebook. Amy distributed a 2013 listing of the known community events which either have dates established or will happen based on experience from the past years.

Kick-off Meeting

Thursday, March 7 @ 6:30pm  
Location: Trinity Lutheran Church

Calvin asked committee members who could arrive at 6pm to do so for assisting with setup of the room. Amy discussed the agenda she plans for the evening:

Introductions for those assembled and planned speakers – Kevin Kamenetz (Baltimore County Executive), Vicki Almond (Baltimore County Council person 2<sup>nd</sup> district), Amy Sietz (Main Street MD coordinator) and Amy Mantay will finish by telling everyone the projects we have started so far. Then we will have table activities with about 10 people at each table and a committee person acting as facilitator. After about 15-20 minutes of discussion each table will explain their discussions and concerns.

We had some discussion about the area of Main Street that the state will focus in our application since the section of Main Street has to satisfy some requirements specifically being classified historic. We will however, point out the benefit to those on neighboring blocks or even further down Main Street or up in Glyndon they will get by making Main Street better and holding Main Street events. Therefore, joining in our efforts is a win-win.

John asked about the Reisterstown Cemetery Project and Glenn gave him some background information as well as Linda Percy's phone number (410-833-2062) so he could contact her for any information. He turned in a check for support of the project. Mary explained that they are always accepting contributions and the historic mason has done his assessment of the walls. They are currently waiting for the report to go to the county for approval and then one wall at a time they plan to renovate it. Tony explained that he sent information about how they can potentially apply for a grant to help fund the project.

Glenn gave an update on the work that Greg Carski is doing with the lampposts. He will be replacing the glass in 4 or 5 more lampposts with 100 watt lightbulbs.

Kathy shared an historic marker from Glyndon that might be good for us to put on our historic buildings once identified. They cost about \$200 or so.

Remember to tell everyone to come to the Thursday night(3/7/2013) Kick Off meeting, 6:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The next meeting will be held at Reter's Crabhouse, Monday, March 11 , 2013 at 10am.